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1. On 1 August 1952, [] summer camp near Oranien (N 54/U 44) []
 25X1 quartered artillery units from the Weisse Stadt restricted area in Oranienburg.
 25X1 [] signs were posted from Oranien (N 54/O 44) to the camp. An
 25X1 interpreter stated that the inscription read Guards Camp. The camp was about
 25X1 2 km from Oranien. There was a guard house at the gate entrance. The sentry per-
 25X1 mitted the vehicles to pass without checking. A camp with about 60, 4x5 meter,
 tents was on both sides of a road.
2. About 20 low wooden buildings, 20 meters long and 8 or 9 meters wide, were at the
 25X1 edge of the camp road. They served as officers billets and headquarters offices.
 25X1 The orderly rooms of the batteries were quartered in tents. A low wooden building,
 about 40 meters long, served as a messhall. A small section of the building was
 25X1 partitioned into two sections, one utilized as a messhall for the officers of the
 Knochkov Regiment and the other for those of the Tukhanoff Regiment. []
 only four trucks in the camp and saw no parking lots for guns, tractors or other
 vehicles. [] Lieutenant Colonel Knochkov (fnu) had 97,000 east-
 marks at his disposal for construction purposes. Knochkov asked for plans and esti-
 mates for the construction of garages for motor vehicles but did not indicate where
 these garage were to be constructed. *
3. A conversation with Captain Vasilenko (fnu), supply officer of the Sachsenhausen
 concentration camp in Oranienburg, on 1 August indicated that the AT regiments in
 the Weisse Stadt restricted area did not belong to the area of Oranienburg. He
 said that they were there only temporary and were assigned to an office in Neu-
 strelitz. He expressed the belief that the regiments would not return to Oranien-
 25X1 burg. Similar assumptions were voiced in the Eberswalde construction office where
 [] the units would possibly move to Lindow and would not return
 to the Weisse Stadt settlement. **
4. Captain Vasilenko (fnu) asked the head of the construction office in Oranienburg
 25X1 for plans on the installation in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. Vasilenko
 said that the plans would be used to familiarize Soviet soldiers with the heating
 lighting and plumbing installations of the camp and stated that they would later
 25X1 have to do the work of the German personnel. [] Truck [] was seen
 at the construction office on 29 July. The truck belonged to supply officer Kovalenko
 (fnu) of Svobodernik Regiment.

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25X1 ** [REDACTED] Comment. Captain Vazilenko's (fnu) statement that the AT artillery regiments do not belong to the area of Oranienburg is correct as the brigade is assigned to the Second Gds Mecz Army with headquarters in Osterberg, rather than Neustrelitz.

25X1 [REDACTED] a rumor that the AT artillery regiments would not return to Oranienburg in the fall but would move to the Olympisches Dorf in Doberitz. This appears a more credible location than Lindow. As the rear details of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army moved from the Olympisches Dorf to Templin in early August, there is reason to believe that this brigade will not return to its former quarters in the fall but will possibly move to the Reisse Stadt restricted area in Oranienburg. This would mean that quarters in the Olympisches Dorf would be available for the 2d Light Arty Brig.

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